

Prince Hassan in Switzerland

Switzerland (JNA). — Economic relations and cooperation between Jordan and Switzerland were discussed here Friday between His Highness Crown Prince Hassan who is on an announced visit here, and the Swiss economic minister.

The two reviewed the achievements realised by Jordan since the visit by His Royal Highness last year to Switzerland.

The question of Swiss participation in the Jordan five-year development plan was also discussed.

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Israelis clamp curfew on Hebron

Occupied West Bank (JNA). — Israeli authorities imposed a curfew on the occupied West Bank town of Hebron following Arab demonstrations against the desecration of the Haram al-Sharif by Jewish extremists in the Haram al-Sharif.

Residents of Kiryat Arba, an adjacent settlement, all a Torah scroll curtain in the Haram al-Sharif had been defaced.

Armed Israeli settlers at Arba spread out in the streets, especially in the commercial district and the quarter, where the Jews are trying to construct a synagogue.

Mayor of the city Mr. Yashmeh the city's municipal council and members of the Islamic Council carried in strike in the Haram al-Sharif.



ANSWERING PRESS QUESTIONS — Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi is surrounded by newsmen as he emerges from his second meeting with French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in Paris on Friday. (A.P. wirephoto)

Fahmi back in Cairo, Junblatt, Gemayel expected in Paris

CAIRO, Oct. 2 (R). — Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi returned to Cairo today after talks in Paris on the Lebanese crisis, and said results would emerge in a few days.

At an airport press conference he did not amplify this remark beyond saying he hoped the results would be positive.

"France can play a role to help avoid a further deterioration in the Lebanese situation," he said.

Earlier, in a press statement to the Egyptian Middle East News Agency, Mr. Fahmi said France would receive Lebanese leftwing leader Kamal Junblatt, now in Cairo, and then rightwing leader Pierre Gemayel.

Mr. Junblatt, whose forces in Lebanon are fighting alongside the hard-pressed Palestinians, is expected to leave for Paris in the next 24 hours.

Mr. Fahmi is carrying a message to President Anwar Sadat from President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, presumably about Lebanon. The two heads of state have been in telephone contact in recent days, according to press reports here.

Mr. Junblatt said in a statement to the agency that his recent visits to Saudi Arabia and

Iraq were to persuade their two leaders to take a "firm stand" on Syrian intervention.

He also appealed to Egypt, Iraq and Algeria to join hands and make an official and public announcement calling on Syria to withdraw its forces from Lebanon.

He also said he thought that Egypt should send troops to join the Arab peace-keeping force in Lebanon.

Egypt has repeatedly declined to do this.

In Paris, the influential Le Monde daily said today that France was sounding out opinion for a round table conference between all parties involved in the Lebanese civil war.

Egypt was particularly interested in some kind of French-sponsored initiative, it said.

But France, whose proposal to send a French peace-keeping force to Lebanon was rejected by the Lebanese left in May, would not make any formal move until it was sure that chances of success were good, it added.

Fighting rages in Beirut, dies down around Aley

BEIRUT, Oct. 2 (R). — Fighting flared with renewed ferocity in Beirut today, but rightwing forces halted their advance on a key mountain stronghold of Lebanon's Palestinian-leftist alliance.

The Lebanese capital, severely battered by 18 months of merciless civil war, trembled in the early hours under its heaviest artillery bombardment for two weeks.

The thunder of exploding heavy-calibre shells echoed through leftist-held western Beirut and fighting in the southern suburbs raged until well past noon.

The museum crossing point on the "green line" dividing Christian and Moslem sectors of the capital was closed following mortar attacks and fierce ground fighting. Snipers kept firing throughout the day.

Residents reported that rival suburbs on Beirut's southern fringes hammered each other with artillery, mortar and heavy machine gun fire.

There was no immediate estimate of casualties. The daytime fighting was uncharacteristic in a war which has seen most action at night.

About 15 km east of the capital, in the besieged town of Aley, Reuter correspondent James Anderson reported that the rightwing offensive had clearly stopped.

Aley, mountain headquarters of the Palestinian commandos and their leftist allies, yesterday became the target of advancing rightwing forces.

Senior Palestinian commanders there said they still expected new attacks. Reuter correspondent Anderson reported that in the nearby village of Qmatiyeh the Palestinians had pushed back the rightwing forces.

Shells still thudded into hill-sides around Qmatiyeh and machine gun fire cracked back and forth between the two sides — separated by barely 100 metres.

Palestinian officers said most of

their troops had pulled out of Ras Al Metn, the last town they had held in the 150-square-kilometre Aintoura salient captured in the recent offensive.

The officers said rightist and Syrian troops had now reached Ras Al Metn, across the valley of the Metn river from Aley.

The rightwing Phalangist Party radio station said the advance on Aley, which lies on the main Beirut-Damascus road, had been halted to allow for negotiations with civic leaders aimed at saving the town from further destruction.

The report indicated that the rightists were hoping that Aley's municipal leaders would try to convince the commandos and leftists to withdraw without resistance.

But observers said this was an unlikely prospect. Most of the mountain positions taken earlier this week were enclaves in the heartland of Lebanon's predominantly rightwing Maronite Christians. Aley and neighbouring Bhamdoun are in leftist territory.

Leftwing radio stations reported that the northern port of Tripoli,

After seeing "front line" presidents Anglo-American envoys to meet black Rhodesian leaders

DAR ES SALAAM, Oct. 2 (Agencies). — British Foreign Office Minister, Ted Rowlands and U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs William Schaefele conferred for two hours with President Julius Nyerere today on the proposed conference on Rhodesia. The Briton described the discussions as "most useful".

"The idea of the conference still appears to be on course," Mr. Rowlands told reporters after seeing Mr. Nyerere, the influential chairman of the five "front line" black African states.



HEADING FOR SECURITY — Lebanese villagers evacuate the mountain resort of Aley, 10 miles east of Beirut, as the town came under heavy artillery fire from rightist forces on Friday. (A.P. wirephoto)

a leftist outpost had come under intense artillery and rocket fire for the second day running.

Tripoli, Lebanon's second biggest city, has been under virtual siege for almost four months. According to recent eyewitness accounts, food, fuel and medicine are running desperately low.

Meanwhile, Palestinian commandos and leftist fighters were reinforcing positions round the southern port of Sidon and in the mountains east of it.

President Hafez Assad of Syria has meanwhile sent a message to King Khalid of Saudi Arabia at a time of intensive diplomatic activity on Lebanon.

Syria's Foreign Minister, Abdul Halim Khaddam made a one-day roundtrip to Saudi Arabia to deliver the message to King Khalid at the royal residence at Taif, near Jeddah.

Their meeting followed reports in the Cairo daily Al-Ahram that Saudi Arabia had threatened to pull its contingent of troops out of Syria.

Mr. Khaddam's visit to Saudi Arabia, and the visit here of a high ranking envoy of Algerian President Houari Boumedienne, follow contacts between Syria and a number of Arab capitals to halt military action in Lebanon.

Argentine president escapes attempt on life

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 2 (R). — Argentine President Jorge Videla escaped death by seconds today when a bomb exploded beneath a stand from which he had been reviewing troops in the country's biggest and most heavily-guarded army base.

The 51-year-old president, who is also army commander-in-chief, had just left the stand and was walking away when the bomb went off injuring at least two people behind him, informed sources said.

The army refused to give details of the incident immediately. A spokesman said a communique would be issued later today. The stand was almost totally destroyed, the sources said. The two men injured by the blast included an army officer who was part of the presidential bodyguard. It was assumed the bomb was planted by leftwing guerrillas, the sources said. It was a mystery how guerrillas managed to place it in the centre of the base which houses several thousand troops, including infantry and tank units, and is heavily guarded round the clock.

Eye-witnesses said Gen. Videla, after reviewing troops, said only a few words to introduce the major speech by Gen. Jose Catan, who told the assembled troops the armed forces were winning their battle against leftwing guerrillas. One of the key phrases of his speech was that the guerrillas "have given up trying to attack military bases."

Hurricane Liza bursts La Paz dam

100 Mexicans are homeless 100 dead, 500 missing

Z. MEXICO, Oct. 2 (R). — A burst, caused by hurricane Liza, sent a wall of water through this state capital west Mexico leaving at least 100 people dead and 500 missing.

On a narrow finger of land south from California was like a first world battlefield.

As more than one metre of water burst through the streets and thousands of people were flattened or drowned beyond repair.

Officials and the Red Cross said 4,000 were injured, 100 were homeless and many were in desperate need of drinking water and medical aid.

The death toll was the highest in central America since September 1974, when hurricane Fifi killed more than 1,000 people on the Caribbean coast of Honduras.

Water and electricity supplies were cut off in at least half a dozen towns. The army patrolled the town of Huatabampo, where 2,000 people were homeless to prevent looting.

Hurricane Liza headed today towards Arizona, with only moderate winds and rain, according to the meteorological service in Mexico City.

West Germans go to the polls today

BONN, Oct. 2 (R). — Most opinion polls are predicting a narrow victory in tomorrow's general election for Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's coalition of Social Democrats and Liberals, and the result may well be a cliffhanger.

At the end of a campaign full of colour, lavish spending and acrimony—but short on major divisive issues—the 3,224 candidates today made their final appeals in an attempt to sway undecided voters, reported as high as 10 per cent of the total electorate of 41.6 million.

At stake are 496 seats in the Bundestag (lower house of parliament), where Chancellor Schmidt's coalition has held power for the last seven years over the conservative opposition partnership of Christian Democrats (CDU) and the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU).

Herr Schmidt, and ex-Chancellor Willy Brandt, Chairman of the Social Democratic Party (SPD), were concluding their campaign tonight with a rally in West Berlin, which does not vote in the election.

The CDU leader and shadow chancellor, Herr Helmut Kohl, closed his campaign last night at a meeting in Bonn, and Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, head of the CSU, was due to conclude his election programme tonight at his party's traditional rustic festival on the Bavarian-Austrian border.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, leader of the liberal Free Democrats (FDP), told his party's final rally in Düsseldorf today there was

no doubt the FDP would continue its coalition with the SPD after the election.

The coalition won a comfortable majority of 46 seats in the last elections in 1972 when the SPD became the strongest single party for the first time in its 100-year history with 45.8 per cent of the vote (230 seats). The CDU had 44.9 per cent (225) and the FDP 8.4 per cent (41).

However, much has happened since then to dim support for the government. The opposition has held the offensive for most of the two-month final phase of the campaign and seems certain to at least trim the coalition's lead.

Dr. Kohl said today the opposition's slogan "freedom instead of socialism" had dominated the entire campaign. It has also been a main source of the personal abuse which has characterised the electoral battle.

The CDU leader, trying to become the sixth chancellor of the modern West German state, has charged that policies followed by the Social Democrats mean more taxes and bureaucracy, less room for personal initiative, and represent a large step towards the kind of "socialism" practised in communist East Germany.

The government has pointed to a range of social welfare benefits it has introduced, defended negotiations with communists as the only way to reduce East-West tensions and accused the CDU/CSU of being dominated by reactionary isolationists intent on steering West Germany back to the cold

Inter-party rows have reached an unprecedented level. There have been dozens of court cases over alleged slander and defamation involving such leading politicians as Herr Schmidt, Herr Strauss and CDU General Secretary Kurt Biedenkopf. Actual and potential scandals, including the Lockheed bribery case, have drawn a host of accusations and counter-accusations.

Paradoxically not many issues have split the two groups. Dr. Kohl, like the chancellor, is a firm backer of European unity and Herr Schmidt is in many ways an economic conservative.

One of the few points on which the government and opposition diverge is West Germany's relationship with any West European country that goes communist. Herr Schmidt has said such an event would not be a disaster, but Dr. Kohl maintains a government led by him would fight hard against this development.

Colour in the campaign has come from the parties' publicity machines entrusted with highlighting differences which exist between them. The CDU alone has distributed more than 50 million publicity items—posters, playing cards, balloons, tee-shirts, car stickers, key rings and footballs.

The campaign is reliably estimated to have cost a record 70 million sterling, a 12 per cent increase over 1972.

Many hardened SPD officials, while contending that the opposition's tactics have been unfair, admit the conservatives have scored a points victory on the orga-

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Premier Badran receives French geographic team

AMMAN, (JNA). — Prime Minister Mudar Badran received the visiting Director General of the French Geographic Institute, M. Rene Mayer, and his accompanying delegation on Saturday morning.

The two parties reviewed the possibilities for cooperation between the French Geographic Institute and the Jordan Geographic Centre and discussed the technical assistance which the French party has pledged to provide in accordance with the cooperation agreement concluded between the two bodies last year.

M. Mayer reiterated his country's willingness to step up cooperation in that field and explained to Mr. Badran the joint projects to be implemented by the two geographic institutes such as equipping the Jordanian Geogra-

phic Centre with the necessary technical instruments and training its employees in Jordan and France.

The meeting was attended by the Director of the Jordan Geographic Centre, Mr. Ra'afat Majali. Later, on Saturday, M. Mayer was received by the Director of the Land and Survey Department, Mr. Badri Al Mulqa.

Discussions centred on cooperation between the French and Jordanian geographic institutes.

The meeting was attended by the French Institute's representative here, Mr. Basheer Mansour. Mr. Mulqa held a luncheon banquet in honour of the French guests at the Al Hussein Youth City on Saturday noon.

It was attended by the director of the Jordan Geographic Centre and a number of officials.

Jordan Times interview Dr Yousef Goussous: Jordan's 1st Fellow of American College of Cardiology



Dr. Yousef Goussous (left) performs a cardiac catheterisation on a 2-year-old child.

By Lina Gress

Special to the Jordan Times

"Open-heart surgery performed by highly-qualified Jordanians promises longer-life expectancy for victims of the increased incidence of cardiac diseases in Jordan", said Dr. Yousef Goussous who is the first Jordanian cardiologist to have been awarded the Fellowship of the American College of Cardiology (FACC), in August 1976.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Dr. Goussous, a leading cardiologist in Jordan and the head of the Cardiology Department at Al Hussein Medical City, said that open-heart surgery was introduced in Jordan when the first operation was performed in May 1970. Since then, more than one thousand open-heart operations have been performed in Jordan.

The purpose of open-heart surgery, Dr. Goussous explained, is to correct defects children are born with, like "tetralogy of fallot", prosthetic-valve replacements and aorta coronary bypass for patients with angina.

Such open-heart surgeries yielded more than 85% success, Dr. Goussous claimed.

Between eight and ten operations are performed every week; 70% of the patients are Jordanian, the rest coming from neighbouring Arab countries. Furthermore, almost fifteen catheterisations a week are performed for diagnostic purposes before deciding on surgery for the patient, Dr. Goussous stated.

As for heart transplant operations, Dr. Goussous asserted that the operation could technically be performed in Jordan, and is considered easier than any standard open-heart surgery.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates at the close of the business day yesterday. The two figures denote buying and selling prices in Jordanian fils:

U.S. dollar	331.0	333.0
U.K. sterling	554.0	560.0
French franc	67.5	67.7
German mark	135.4	135.8
Iraqi dinar	950.0	960.0
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AMMAN (JNA). — The Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Lieut.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, received the British Deputy Air Marshal Hood and his accompanying delegation Saturday.

The meeting was attended by the armed forces chief of staff and his assistant for operations and the British military attaché in Amman.

The British deputy air marshal arrived here Friday evening at the head of a delegation of military cadets from the British Military Academy for Defence Studies, on a weeklong visit.

During their stay here, the members of the British delegation will visit a number of military units and institutes in addition to archaeological and touristic sites.

Later on Saturday evening, the Minister of Culture and Information, Mr. Adnan Abu Odeh, received the British military delegation and briefed them on the Middle East crisis and stressed the importance of establishing peace accepted by all parties to the conflict.

West Germany donates DM 1 UNRWA

AMMAN (JNA). — The German government has contributed DM 1 million to the United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA) for the Palestinian refugees.

The sum will be allocated for training and education programmes for the refugees.

West Germany had contributed DM 4,750,000 to support the UNRWA's 1976 budget and to finance its educational programmes for the refugees.

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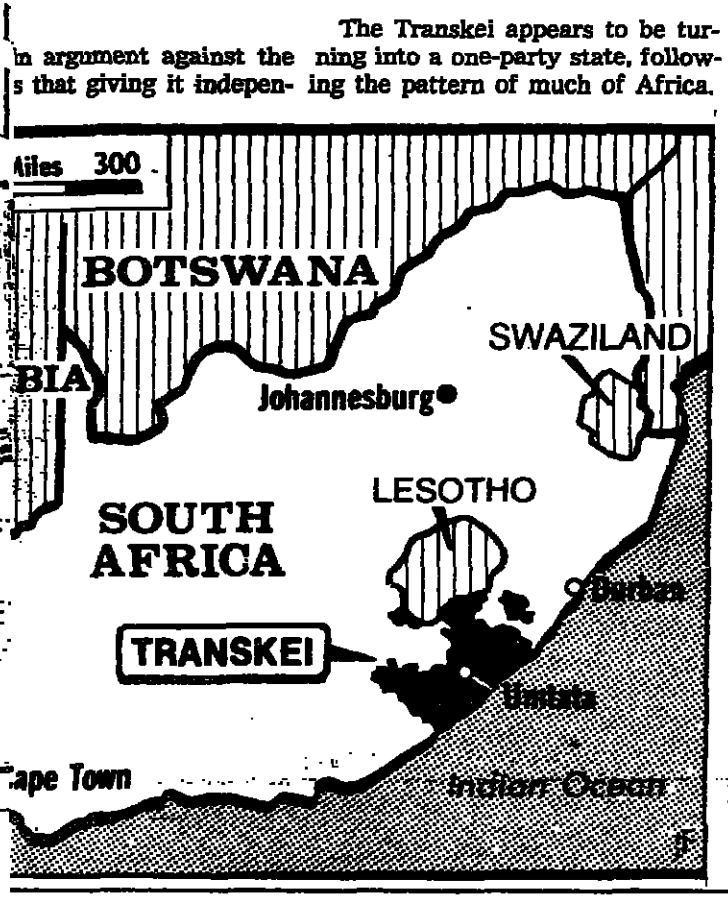
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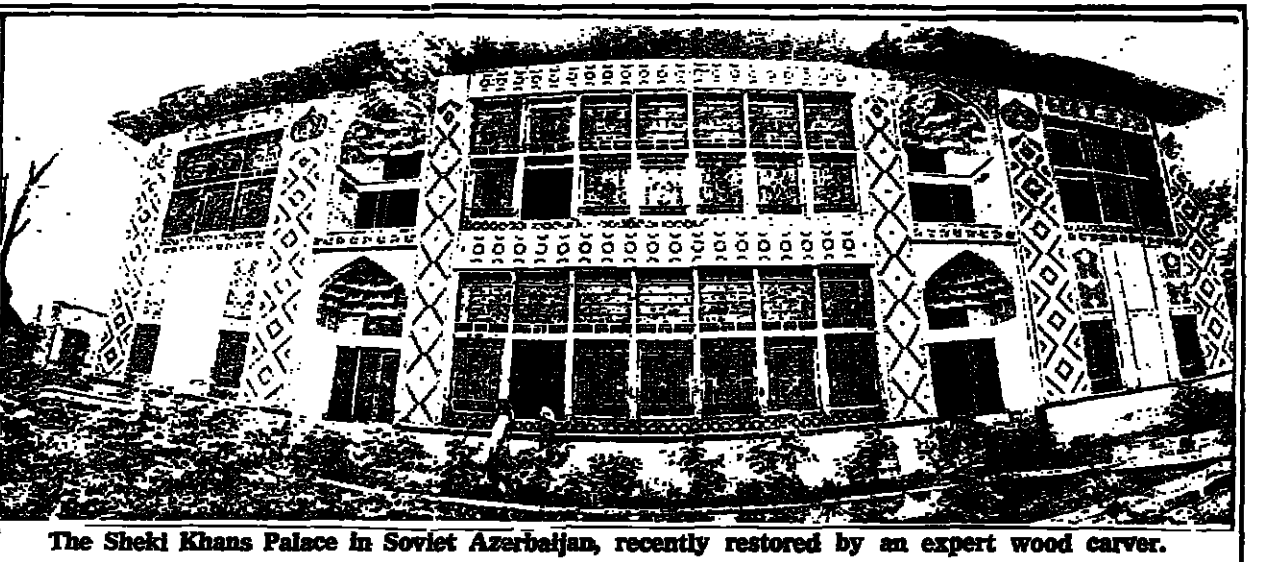
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IN PERSPECTIVE Mr. Carter speaks with a forked tongue

By Jenab Tutunji

One wonders at the American public's ability to assimilate the indigestible pile of gibberish remarks being produced by Mr. Carter following the recent setback to his popularity. One wonders at the American public's ability to assimilate the indigestible pile of gibberish remarks being produced by Mr. Carter following the recent setback to his popularity.

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Economic Viewpoint By Dr. Haitham Hurani

University education and economic development

With the opening of the new academic year and on the occasion of the appointment of a new board of trustees for the University of Jordan I would like to take this opportunity to discuss the role of university education for the development of Jordan's society.

It is needless to emphasise the significance of the role of education for the advancement of any society. Education can be looked at as a means of raising productivity and would lead to more effective family planning. From this viewpoint economists have stressed the need to devote more public funds to education. The wisdom of expending public funds on education is not to be measured by its direct fruits alone. It will be profitable as a mere investment, to give the masses of the people much greater opportunities to get the start for bringing out their latent abilities and to produce the system of values and quality of civilisation that is desired.

From these perspectives we find that advanced countries have focused their efforts at earlier stage to develop and design their educational programmes to suit their growth aspirations. For example, in the United States, the Morrill Land-Grant Act was issued to encourage the formation of state universities which pioneered in the establishment of agriculture research and extension, and helped move engineering from a small and narrow profession to its present key position in an industrialised society.

Here in Jordan, we ought to benefit from the experiences of the advanced world and reorganise our efforts and activities to attain the desired output from our higher educational institution. Since Jordan launched its five year economic development plan, I think the university can participate much more effectively to achieve the growth targets of this plan and of its subsequent branches. This, in my opinion, can be materialised through two major channels. One is through providing society with its capable

graduates in a variety of disciplines; mainly, agriculture, economics, sciences, medicine and education.

Hence, one fundamental objective of the university is to help its students acquire the skills, abilities, attitudes and knowledge that will prepare them for complete productive living in Jordan's society. With respect to these major teaching responsibilities, I believe that Jordan University must centre around achieving four ultimate objectives for its students: 1) To give the student vocational competence in his chosen subject-matter area. 2) To provide an atmosphere which encourages further personal development. 3) To bring about a better awareness of social and civil responsibilities and finally to develop human relationships.

The second channel is through conducting scientific research on vital domestic problems and by providing professional consultations to both public and private firms. In order to fulfill these expected objectives and attain the optimum benefits from university I suggest the following: One, we need to attract and encourage more highly qualified Jordanians who are mainly working abroad, to come and work with the university, as well as to offer better incentives to those who are currently working on campus to stay and give the most they can, especially, those who joined the university in the past few years and may have to pay more than 80 per cent of their salary for renting an apartment alone. I think that improving the pay-scale has become a necessity if we desire to keep those people working at the university; good administration which understands the nature of its business in such institutions is important for the success of its operation. Rigid rules and regulations do complicate the function of the teaching staff and reduce their efficiency.

Finally, there must be an overall atmosphere conducive for research and for the smooth operation of the university.

For Nov. 2 elections

Historic 94th U.S. Congress adjourns

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (R). — The 94th U.S. Congress, which earned a place in history for ending U.S. involvement in Indochina, had adjourned for the Nov. 2 elections amid a flurry of legislation and continued feuding with President Ford.

As members began leaving Washington last night, they left a pile of new bills on Mr. Ford's desk and the wreckage of impor-

tant legislation sunk without trace by filibuster—protracted speeches aimed at delaying proceeding—and other obstructionist tactics.

Among measures consigned to oblivion was one that would have prohibited American firms from complying with the Arab trade boycott against Israel.

The clean air bill with its proposed time-table for reduction of exhaust fumes failed to get through after strong opposition from car manufacturers.

But there were some landmarks such as a sweeping investigation into past abuses by American intelligence services.

New legislation was passed controlling the burgeoning American arms export trade, though there is still increasing concern in Congress about huge new weapons sales.

The concern centred particularly on sales to the volatile Middle East, as evidenced by recent opposition to sales of sophisticated missiles to Saudi Arabia.

Congress banned U.S. covert support for anti-Soviet factions in the Angolan civil war that helped change U.S. policy in Africa.

But Congress failed to act in other areas. It could not work out a comprehensive energy plan to reduce reliance on foreign oil—still growing despite the much-vaunted Energy Independence Programme first proposed by former President Richard Nixon.

This Congress, which ran from 1974 to 1976, also had its share of well publicised scandals such as the resignation of veteran Democrat Wayne Hays of Ohio following his admission that he had an affair with blonde secretary Elizabeth Ray.

The Nov. 2 elections are for all 435 seats in the House of Representatives and one-third of the 100-member Senate. Both houses are expected to remain firmly in Democratic control.

A number of leading figures will be absent due to retirement when Congress returns in January—among them Senators Mike Mansfield and Hugh Scott, the Democratic and Republican leaders in the Senate, and House Speaker Carl Albert.

China expects good grain harvest despite disasters

PEKING, Oct. 2 (AFP). — China will reap a good grain harvest this year, for the 15th consecutive year, despite exceptional natural disasters earthquakes, drought, prolonged rains, winds, hailstorms and cold spells— which struck various areas of the country and which the Chinese peasants successfully overcame.

The New China news agency emphasised that the successes recorded in 1976 owed their achievement to "impetus" given to the peasant masses by the campaign of criticism against former Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping (disgraced last April with his "right deviationist" line).

The good harvest recorded in the last 14 years, from 1962 to 1975, was through the mobilisation of millions upon millions of people against all sorts of natural disasters, "demonstrating that the people will conquer the forces of nature." The year 1976



Visitors to the world's first iron bridge — at Ironbridge in the English midlands — listen in to an experimental system of electronic listening posts that contain recorded tapes with information on historic buildings and places of interest. Each visitor borrows from the Ironbridge Gorge Museum a magnetic stethoscope that connects to the listening post situated at each site. At the touch of a button, the listener is provided with a 90-second commentary of explanatory and background material. Up to four stethoscopes can be used simultaneously at each post. Among the advantages being claimed for this novel guide system is the convenience offered to visitors who can now look at a subject while receiving information about it — something which cannot be achieved by conventional printed guides and plaques. If this experiment, jointly organised by the Museum and Britain's Countryside Commission, is successful the listening post could become a familiar feature throughout the British countryside. (BIS photo)

Gibraltar shows signs of desire to improve relations with Spain

LONDON, Oct. 2 (AFP). — There were signs this week from the British colony of Gibraltar that some of the electorate at least favours a cautious attempt at improving relations with Spain.

The colony's Chief Minister, Sir Joshua Hassan, won a new four-year mandate in Wednesday's election, his pro-British party securing the election of all eight of its candidates for seats in the House of Assembly.

But the 15,000-odd voters feel, 10 months after the death of Gen. Franco, that conditions have improved for a negotiated settlement of the Anglo-Spanish dispute over sovereignty of the rock which dates back to 1713.

For the first time, the party for integration with Britain, discouraged by the British government itself, refrained from fielding candidates for any of the 15 elected seats.

The success of the campaign of lawyer Jose Triay for dialogue with Madrid is proof of a change in the attitudes of the 29,000 people who live on the six square kms. of rock east of Algeciras.

While the people of Gibraltar remain firmly attached by preferential ties to Britain, their newfound flexibility could help Britain resolve the problem that has for decades poisoned its relations with Spain.

Spain ceded Gibraltar to Britain in the 1713 Treaty of Utrecht, nine years after it was seized by the British navy. The low point of relations was reached in 1969, two years after the Gibraltarians reacted to a U.N. demand for a referendum on decolonisation by voting 12,138 to 44 in favour of continued links with Britain.

Spain imposed a blockade, cut telephone links and forbade some 4,700 Spaniards making the daily trip to work on the rock.

Seven years on, the frontier remains sealed, and the rock colony survives thanks only to Britain's economic and financial assistance.

Spain's blockade has badly hit the tourist trade, one of the rock's major money-spinners. All but 5 per cent of tourists come from Britain, and the industry's manager's want to change that.

The military importance of this gateway to the Mediterranean has diminished as far as Britain is concerned now that London no longer has to defend the trade routes to India.

Until now, Britain has felt obliged to hang on to the rock, how-

Cliff-hanger expected West German election

BONN, Oct. 2 (AFP). — All European Economic Community signs point to a cliff-hanging out- (EEC). The Deutsch mark came when 41.6 million West of the world's most anxious Germans go to the polls Sunday to elect a new federal Bundestag (lower house of parliament).

The only thing that seems predictable right now is that the new chancellor will be named Helmut Schmidt, either Social Democrat (SPD) incumbent Helmut Schmidt or challenger Helmut Kohl, who heads the Christian Democrats (CDU/CSU).

Four out of five public opinion polls forecast narrow victory for Mr. Schmidt's coalition of the SPD and the Liberal Free Democrats (FDP). A majority of the polls indicated that the two parties together will take between 51 and 52 per cent of the total vote.

But a large number of voters (between 11 and 12 per cent) say they have still not made up their mind one or two additional seats that might be the edge he needs to scrape home as chancellor.

If the government's record was the only factor, Mr. Schmidt would win and his votes could upset all predictions. What is more, there are peculiarities in West Germany's complex electoral law that Mr. Kohl hopes could give him a strong position. West Germany, together with Switzerland, are the two countries in the Western world which have suffered least from inflation.

The cost of living rose only four per cent between September 1975 and September of this year. In addition, West Germany has the lowest unemployment rate (3.9 per cent) in the nine-nation

Why then do the pundits not rule out an upset for Mr. Schmidt, especially since opposition has put forward concrete proposals on how to solve major problems? One factor is that the SPD-FDP coalition has been in power since 1972. In the meantime there has been a noticeable shift in public opinion among the young. The social communists in Portugal have made people feel it is this feeling that has led the CDU/CSU to elect its election slogan "freedom instead of socialism". When battle cry appeared to hang, opposition leaders in that they were not trying the SPD with the common brush but were championing individual freedoms in the welfare state red tape and growing power of the unions.

Spain hopes to join both the European Economic Community and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and could hope to win Britain's support for its applications by lifting the blockade on the rock.

Such a move would open the door to negotiations over the future of what the Spanish foreign minister last week described when addressing the U.N. General Assembly as "a vestige of British colonialism."

Christina Onassis files for divorce

ATHENS, Oct. 2 (R). — Christina Onassis Andreadis, daughter of the late Greek shipping tycoon, has filed a petition for divorce with the Greek Orthodox Archbishopric, a spokesman for the archbishopric said last night.

He said the petition was filed through a lawyer the day before and neither Christina, 25, nor her husband Alexandros appeared in person. They were married in July last year.

The petition has been registered and would now follow normal procedure. Under Greek ecclesiastic law the archbishopric will attempt to reconcile the couple. If this formality fails it will set in motion juridical procedures before a civil court to have the marriage dissolved by common consent.

The marriage was the second for Christina and followed a whirlwind courtship. Her husband is heir to a banking fortune. She was married for the first time in 1971, to Joseph Bolker, a California real estate dealer and divorced father of four children who was many years her senior. The marriage lasted less than a year.

The match caused a rift with her father who three years previously had married Jacqueline Kennedy, widow of the assassinated American president.

Mr. Bolker summed up the pressure on the marriage with the remark: "When you have a billion dollars leaning on you, you feel it."

Athens decides to extradite W. German guerrilla

ATHENS, Oct. 2 (R). — Supreme Court yesterday decided the extradition of West German urban guerrilla Rolf Pohl wanted in his own country to complete a prison sentence.

The seven-member Supreme Court overruled a high court decision last August which had refused Pohl's extradition on grounds that Pohl was politically motivated and therefore not extraditable.

Yesterday's decision is in line with the ruling will now go to Minister Constantine Stefanou, according to Greek law, to issue the extradition order.

As Supreme Court President Elias Triantafyllou read the dict, Pohl, 34, stood up and said: "You are an Athens court."

About 50 youths inside the court shouted "shame, shame" "one man in prison, the will join the struggle", but edings were not delayed.

The successful appeal Supreme Court was filed by Athens public prosecutor, sought to overrule the high decision.

Pohl is wanted by West man authorities to finish off of a prison sentence of six and five months for being a member of an illegal organisation and crimes connected with activities as an urban guerrilla.

He was freed from prison West Germany last year in exchange for the safe release of Berlin politician Peter Torgler who had been kidnapped by guerrillas.

Greek police arrested Pohl on July 21 at the airport of Interpol.

Strict security measures in force inside and outside Supreme Court in the centre Athens and heavily armed men were stationed around himself and in the public square.

There are also measures at a hena airport to guard against attempt by Pohl's colleagues free him by staging a hijack.

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Not's all beer nowadays in the old English pub



A cheeses and traditional country wines are served at this bar King and Queen pub in Brighton, on England's south coast.

ON (LPS). — Most visitors to the local pub like to join the local community, but the public house or "pub" do not be surprised if your visit is interrupted by an acclamation from Shakespeare or a group of Elizabethan actors. The pub is trying to make the difference from 70,000 scattered throughout Britain.

Later, pubs assumed an important part in village life; the county's legal and local government systems can both be traced back to the pub's role as a centre of community affairs.

Nowadays pubs are places of relaxation where the people of a particular area, or those with similar interests, can meet at lunchtime or in the evening for a drink and some food and perhaps entertainment too.

Groups of people often adopt a pub as their "local" and use it as an impromptu meeting place. Other pubs become associated with trades or professions: in London there are pubs traditionally used by actors, dock workers, market porters, fishermen, printers, journalists and lawyers.

The search for customers encourages some pubs to cater specially for people with particular interests. In the south of England there are pubs where the decor (and often the conversation) is devoted to such diverse subjects as cricket, World War II prison camps — and even to the fictional detective, Sherlock Holmes.

The Smallest And The Oldest

Some London pubs try to attract customers at lunchtime with dancers or even strip shows. Others have natural claims to fame which make them a perennial tourist attraction: one of these is the tiny, 500-year-old Smith's Arms at Godmanstone in Dorset, in southwest England, which claims to be the smallest pub in Britain. The floor area is 14m by 3.6m. Another is the Trip to Jerusalem Inn in Nottingham in the English midlands, which is said to be the country's oldest pub, 1000 years old.

Interesting pubs like these are never short of customers. It is the 75-year-old to 100-year-old Victorian pub, perhaps in a poor suburb of London which seems doomed to die a lingering death as the lack of customers discourages any modernisation and the seedy atmosphere means ever fewer at the bars.

Or does it? Some pubs have managed to make a virtue of their age — and even of their squalor. The Lamb, in Lamb's Conduit Street, central London, is a pre-Victorian pub which is proud of its tradition. Dim lights, dark woodwork, brass rails and ancient glass serving hatches, remind one inescapably of a Charles Dickens novel; it is no surprise to learn that Dickens drank at The Lamb when he lived nearby. Today The Lamb is one of the most popular pubs in London and is often crowded with people who enjoy drinking in the sort of atmosphere that their grandparents must have known.

...And The Dirtiest

The spotlessly clean Lamb cannot be described as squalid — but Dirty Dick's in London can. Its proper name is Old Jerusalem, but when the proprietor decided

upon a decor made up of dust, mildew and spiders' webs it was rechristened. Now Dirty Dick's, in Bishopsgate, where the City borders on the East End, is one of London's leading tourist attractions — and it is to be hoped that the tourists quickly realise that the webs are made of nylon, the mildew is painted on and the beetles are made of plastics.

On a rather higher cultural plane, it is possible to go to the theatre in a London pub. Several West End pubs have theatre clubs, but the most famous is at the King's Head, in Islington, where repertory actors put on a full length play every night.

Customers can have a drink, then dine and watch the show in a soundproofed room at the back of the pub while business continues as usual at the front. The theatrical standard is high and the pub has had several important "first nights" with leading critics in the audience.

A Gimmick Worked

American born Dan Crawford and his wife Joan built the theatre room at the back of the pub as a gimmick, and it has worked. "You should have seen this place when we took it over," said Mrs Crawford. "It was derelict and we used to have hardly any customers, even on a Saturday night. We had to think of some kind of attraction, and because my husband was a stage manager in America we chose the theatre. It has really filled the bill and we get very busy now."

A similar gamble was taken by Irishman Pat Lawless when he was appointed manager of the King and Queen, a big pub in Marlborough Place, Brighton, on England's south coast. The King and Queen had a reputation as a "tough" pub, which was not likely to attract either the holidaymakers or local businessmen. So Mr Lawless and

his wife, Sammy, set about changing its image.

Making use of the medieval style buildings, they turned the King and Queen into a "baronial hall" complete with paved courtyard, portcullis and minstrels' gallery. It is not entirely a gimmick, for the pub has strong associations with the history of Brighton.

On the lighter side, visitors can still see a hole in the wall through which a former landlord, an ex-army sergeant, secretly passed mugs of ale to his comrades at the beginning of the last century.

Country Wines

Mr Lawless has also reintroduced at the King and Queen some of the food and drink for which pubs were once famous. In addition to the usual pub meals of pies and salads, he serves a huge selection of English cheeses. The drinks include American, Australian and German beers — and wines made from English flowers and fruits. Country wines used to be popular in pubs, but in the last century they have largely been replaced by beers and spirits. At the King and Queen visitors can sample cherry, apricot, blackcurrant, parsnip, elderberry and even dandelion wine. They may not be as nice as the wines made from grapes grown in more famous parts of the world, but they are said by country people to be a cure for many ills, ranging from ordinary colds and sore throats to rarities such as snake bites and witches' spells.

"As soon as I looked at the pub I realised it had endless possibilities," said Mr Lawless, who with his staff recently won a brewery award for his efforts. "As well as holidaymakers in the summer, we now have a strong winter trade too, with local business clubs holding functions here."



Customers examine some of the strange relics and newspaper cuttings on the walls of the wine vaults at Dirty Dick's wine house in Bishopsgate, London.



Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Your birthday today:

Should find you on your way through a relatively calm stretch of healthy growth. The ideal now is simplicity — refining your choices so that little is wasted or scattered. Relationships run smoothly, but you cannot assume they'll remain trouble-free. Today's natives frequently lobby for social reforms. Those born this year are likely to have a talent for writing, teaching or entertaining, and to select very early in life their particular speciality.

Aries (March 21-April 19): On this quiet Sunday pleasant visiting should suffice. Leave work aside, though it won't hurt to talk over problems with a friend who is a good listener.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): If you feel guilty unless you stay busy, select a simple job you can finish leisurely in a single day. After that, look into health regimes.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Treat today as a three-phase mini-vacation: Observe religious customs. Let other people alone while you catch up on studies. Then enjoy that profitable hobby.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Stay put. Survey your situation, and be thankful you are well organized. Discuss a plan for the immediate future with those concerned.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): It isn't the time to force any issues; nature may force them for you. Recover your bal-

ance now. Learn useful skills by watching others perform.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Resist the temptation to disclose long-range plans. Currently, your health benefits from stimulating exercise and games best played outdoors.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): That extra energy is simply restless. Work it off in light sports. Don't let outsiders change anything important right now. Friends have plenty of suggestions.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take on only what you can complete on your own, but do some creative renovating to improve your establishment. A tactful question settles an old doubt.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): People are cheerful, but impatient. You can very easily upset plans with an abrupt impulse or offhand remark. Be nice to your friends!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a good look at how you present yourself. Work out a more conscious, confident approach. Straighten out records; file personal papers.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you're invited, attend community events. Otherwise, it's quite all right to relax and do nothing more than think today.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Everybody wants more details once you start to explain. The family budget deserves a real going over; with full explanations. Romance fares poorly; wait.



Stylish facade of the King and Queen, which has a "baronial hall," a paved courtyard and minstrel gallery, as well as a theatre room at the back of the building.

LAUGHS FROM EUROPE

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APOLOGY

We apologise for Goren Bridge not appearing in today's issue postal delays.

We hope to resume publication as soon as possible.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

POAYS

NARBD

TAFQHM

CANTIG

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THEY FOUND NO CHARM IN THEIR RULER.

Print the SURPRISE ANSWER here.

Answers: DAILY BROOD HAWKER CEMENT

Answer: An old grouch used to start the car — CRANK

TONIGHT'S T.V. FEATURES

CIVILISATION: THE SKIN OF OUR TEETH

The first episode of a one hour colour documentary series about the different aspects of Western civilisation throughout the ages.

SPACE 1999: METAMORPH

The crew of Alpha base (a spaceship exploring the mysteries of space) are threatened by a strange force which they can resist with great difficulty.

MANNIX GAME PLAN

Mannix is hired to save kidnapped girl whose father has been instructed to pay her ransom in a game of cards.

OUT AND ABOUT

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Shmeisani — Tel. 62831 — Open lunch and dinner. Dramatic view of Amman. French and International Cuisine. Fully air-conditioned. Kindly book your table.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Brand
- Pleasure boat
- Hostile
- Ancient Hebrew measure
- Erotic
- Ripped
- Lime tree
- Agnus
- Arakara
- Prehistoric
- Item of business
- Railway: abbr.
- Author of "Fables 44. Fangs in Slang"

DOWN

- German article
- French commercial company
- Guided
- Near
- Involved
- amas, amat
- Looped knot
- Dolong
- Excursion
- Emanation
- Russian empress
- Thorn
- Compact
- Fangs
- Chemical vessels

SOLUTION OF SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

DOWN

- Housing of a turbine wheel
- Weekly
- Elude
- European blackbird
- Golf instructor
- Biblical pronoun
- Disposed
- Refrain of a song
- Turkish women
- Pronoun used by Friends
- Slight push
- Determine
- Forefinger
- Expert
- Father
- Point
- Marine gastropod shell
- Smallest
- Cords attached to javelins
- Malaysian house lizards
- Auto
- Hindrance
- Followers of Arius
- Woody fiber
- Waste allowance
- House pest
- Land measure
- Exclamation

Par time 35 min. AP Newsletters

U.K. football roundup

Manchester United tops league table on goal difference

LONDON, Oct. 2 (R) — Manchester United moved to what many fans regard as their rightful place at the top of the English soccer league when they beat a demoralised Leeds United 2-0 at Leeds today.

Two goals in the first 10 minutes by Gerry Daly and Steve Coppell were enough to take youthful United to the top of the table, but only on goal difference ahead of Liverpool, Manchester City and Middlesbrough—all locked together with 11 points.

Liverpool and Middlesbrough allowed the two Manchester clubs to slip through when they drew 0-0 in a bad-tempered top-of-the-table clash at Liverpool. The result meant Middlesbrough, booed for their ultra-defensive style, have not scored an away goal in the league this season.

Manchester City overcame their midweek European defeat by Juventus of Italy by beating luckless West Ham United 4-2 at Manchester. Manchester City led 1-0 at half-time before a spate of goals brought the match alive in the second half.

But the first division action was overshadowed by an incident at Southampton when former Manchester United star George Best was sent off for dissent only a month after his much-publicised comeback with Fulham.

Southampton picked themselves up off the bottom of the second division by beating Fulham 4-1 and it was their second goal which led to Best receiving the red card on the first day that English referees were using the card system. Best led Fulham's protests about the free-kick that led to the goal.

To add to Fulham's problems, Rodney Marsh, their other international star, recently returned from the United States, was injured shortly before the end.

The most spectacular effort of the day came from Birmingham's Kenny Burns who scored four goals in their home win 5-1 over Derby County, still without a win in the first division this season.

Arsenal stayed in the hunt only a point behind the top four clubs by beating Queens Park Rangers 3-2 in a thrilling all London clash.

The turning point of the match came when Rangers goalkeeper Phil Parkes was taken off with concussion after 50 minutes. Defender David Webb took over

from Parkes and later conceded an own goal.

Sunderland, promoted from the second division last season, stayed at the bottom of the first division after losing 1-0 at home to Everton. Ron Goodlass scored an early goal from a corner to shoot Everton up to 10 points in the table, level with Arsenal.

Chelsea continued to set the pace in the second division with a 2-1 home victory over Cardiff, despite squandering a number of second-half chances. A large crowd of 28,400 braved heavy rain to watch Ken Swain and Ray Lewington score the vital goals, while Clive Charles replied with a late penalty for Cardiff.

Wolverhampton Wanderers remained in second spot, two points behind Chelsea, after thrashing Hereford 6-1 at Hereford. The match was marred by violence among the crowd at half-time. About 20 people were arrested.

There was also crowd trouble at tow third division matches.

Brighton's home match against Crystal Palace, which ended in a 1-1 draw, was stopped for several minutes after fireworks were thrown on the pitch, while several people were injured when fighting broke out during Reading's home game against Swindon.

Congressmen after Butz's scalp for racial slur

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (Agencies). — Leading Democrats and Republicans today joined in demanding the dismissal of Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz over a lewd slur he made on a plane trip with a pop star and a former Nixon aide.

The only black member of the Senate Edward Brooke of Massachusetts, wanted the outspoken Mr. Butz dismissed immediately.

White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen had already said that the president had given Mr. Butz "a severe reprimand" and that the cabinet member had expressed regrets and promised a public apology.

Greece and Turkey speed oil search despite attempts to calm conflict

ATHENS, Greece (CSM). — Both Greece and Turkey are pushing ahead with oil prospecting operations on and near the disputed Aegean seabed, as their foreign ministers try to ease Greek-Turkish tensions.

Under a UN Security Council decision Aug. 25, Greek Foreign Minister Dimitrios Bitsios and Turkish Foreign Minister Tansu Cilesiz have begun fresh negotiations in New York on boundary and airspace rights — and possibly other issues such as Cyprus — which are vexing their relations.

Meanwhile, both Greek and Turkish governments, in collaboration with foreign oil companies, are moving ahead with exploration plans which both hope will someday make their countries self-sufficient in oil.

Top executives of Greece's public oil corporation, Dep, have begun meetings in Kavala in northern Greece with five engineering executives of the West German oil firm of Wintershall to chart north Aegean exploration. The survey ship Votengo 3, provided by the Compagnie Generale Geophysique of France, was due to begin soundings in late September.

Greece's 1973 oil discoveries off the northern Aegean island of Thassos aroused interest in the possible oil potential of the entire area.

After past unsuccessful exploration by Shell, British Petroleum and other major companies, it was the small Oceanic Exploration Company of Denver, Colorado, which first struck the Primors field off Thassos in 1973.

Under a contract originally signed in the 1967-74 Greek dictatorship, but revised last year in the Greek government's favour by the regime of Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis, the Greek state's share is to be 65 per cent of production up to 200,000 barrels per day and 80 per cent after that.

During the first years, this clause is supposed to operate only



WHITE HOUSE MEETING — American President Gerald Ford chats with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko as the two met in the White House Friday (A.P. wirephoto).

Ford, Gromyko discuss M. E., SALT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AFP). — President Ford and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko met at the White House yesterday for more than two hours.

U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Anatoly Dobrynin, the Soviet Ambassador to the United States, sat in. The meeting

had been scheduled to be 90 minutes long.

Mr. Gromyko said after the meeting that it was devoted to U.S.-Soviet relations, nuclear arms limitations and the Middle East. He said both sides had studied the remaining differences of views on

the Strategic Arms Limitation (SALT) negotiations. Both sides reaffirmed their desire to continue negotiations in order to arrive at a positive conclusion, Mr. Gromyko said, adding that that did not depend solely on the Soviet Union.

Mr. Gromyko said the United States and the Soviet Union viewed the Middle East problem as very complex and had agreed to do all they could in order to find a solution "in the interest of all the people of the Middle East."

Shortly after Mr. Gromyko left the meeting, the White House released a statement saying that the meeting was constructive. As Mr. Gromyko had, the White House mentioned the SALT and Middle East negotiations, but did not go into detail.

But the American statement said the questions of the Soviet Backfire bombers and American Cruise missiles remained the major obstacles to a SALT-two agreement. The White House said Mr. Ford and Mr. Gromyko discussed the Soviet proposal yesterday for a new meeting of the Geneva Peace Conference on the Middle East.

Mr. Gromyko left for New York immediately after the meeting. He will fly home to Moscow today.

Libya said to be receiving sophisticated Soviet arms

CAIRO, Oct. 2 (R). — The Soviet Union has recently sent Libya a shipment of sophisticated arms, the influential Egyptian paper Al Gomhouria reported today.

In a front page report, the paper said the arms were sent in response to an urgent message from Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi to Soviet Communist Party Chief Leonid Brezhnev and Premier Alexei Kosygin.

Al Gomhouria said the shipment included 75 fighters, a number of heavy bombers, 12 reconnaissance planes, naval units and Sam missiles of various ranges.

The paper added that Soviet experts, working under strict security measures, were sent with the weapons. Egypt, in dispute with the Soviet Union, has repeatedly accused Qadhafi of turning Libya into an arsenal of Soviet weapons and granting the Russians large military facilities.

Andreotti's economic measures win Communist approval

ROME, Oct. 2 (R). — A package of drastic emergency measures, announced by the minority Christian Democrat government last night, today appeared to have won vital approval from Italy's powerful Communist Party.

Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti told the nation in a live television address last night that "its immediate future would not be easy. He announced sweeping action to tackle the country's grave economic crisis and halt the downward plunge of the lira."

L'Unita, the Communist Party's daily, today reacted favourably to the prime minister's address, saying his appeals seemed to have moved a large number of points closer to the demands of the Communist and Socialist parties.

Support from the two leftwing parties, which also dominate the trade union federation, is vital as some of last night's government proposals can only pass parliament on their benevolent abstention.

"The interventions by the Communists and Socialists in the past 48 hours, following alarmist, confusing and contradictory press announcements by some ministers in regards to prices and tariffs have had a positive effect," L'Unita said.

Japan asks to be compensated for giving back MIG-25

TOKYO, Oct. 2 (Agencies). — Japan told the Soviet Union today it should pay costs for getting back its MIG-25 fighter flown here by a defector last month.

The Japanese have already said they are ready to return the plane, now being studied by Japanese and U.S. experts.

Today, the Japanese foreign ministry announced it had notified the Soviet embassy formally of its readiness to return the MIG on or after Oct. 15.

But Mr. Victor Denisov, counsellor at the embassy, was told that the Russians should pay the cost of moving the plane from Hyakuri airbase to a seaport for loading into a cargo ship.

The Japanese also felt the Russians should pay compensation for damage done at Hakodate civil airport where defector Lt. Viktor Belenko landed the plane on Sept. 6.

Two airdrops were damaged, they said.

Meanwhile Japanese and American aircraft experts began testing instruments and engines on the supersonic plane a defence agency spokesman said.

The examinations at Hyakuri airbase included testing the engines, the performance of various parts and equipment, but not flying the aircraft, the spokesman said.

In a separate development a Soviet patrol craft today seized two Japanese fishing boats off the Soviet-held island of Kunashiri in southern Kurile, according to reports reaching the Maritime Safety Office in Nemuro (Japan).

The office said the two Japanese boats, with a total of 11 crewmen aboard, were catching sea urchin, a day after the season of the sea delicacy opened.

Today's seizure brought the

Foreman fir contender for heavyweight

CARACAS, Oct. 2 (Agencies). — George Foreman changed his mind and decided to fight for the world heavyweight title vacated by Muhammad Ali.

Commenting on Ali's recent decision, announced in a letter yesterday, he said: "I believe that Ali is going to pay a profound and sincere debt to him as the greatest time, after Joe Louis."

The World Boxing Association (WBA) has also named Foreman as the top contender for the title, with Ken Norton second.

Ali's retirement announcement came three days after he retained his title with a controversial points decision on Tony in New York.

Meanwhile, on leaving for the United States, Mu Ali said he left "free and untried" after announcing his on to quit the ring.

He told journalists at an airport that \$32 of the \$1 million he had earned in his career had been swallowed taxes.

"From now on," he said, "I shall be fighting for the cause of Islam, at the side of Walla hammad." The Muslim flag flew out on the same plane as the champion.

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